



NO MORE DICTATION.

Burden of a Ringing Address by the County Democracy to the Democratic Voters.

Declares the People and Not the Payroll Cabal Shall Name the Party Ticket.

Other Points of the Address Precisely as Foretold in Last Week's Chicago Eagle.

A Shrewd Bid for Labor Vote is Made in the Plank on Judiciary.

Document Wins the Unstinted Approval of Press and Public—Poor Harrison Eats Crow.

As foretold in the last edition of the Chicago Eagle, the County Democracy at its last meeting sounded a ringing battle-cry for the forthcoming fall campaign.

It followed the lines laid down in the Eagle's forecast, and covered every important point and issue involved in the campaign.

It was a battle cry which at once commended itself to the public, secured the hearty indorsement of the Democratic and independent press, and was treated with respectful silence by the Republican newspapers, which being unable to criticize it wisely decided to leave it severely alone.

Above and beyond all, it has very neatly and completely dished the Payroll Union and enlisted the full approval and support of the rank and file of the Democratic party.

The address is herewith presented in full:

"To the Voters of the Democratic Party in Cook County:

"Fellow Democrats—The Cook County Democracy, on the eve of one of the most important elections ever held in this county, deems it timely to address you in reference to the same.

"It is the aim of the County Democracy to aid in every honorable way in the selection of good men as delegates to the County Convention to the end that a ticket worthy of the support of the people at large may be nominated by the Democratic party.

"As the Judiciary is the most important branch of government, locally as well as nationally, we have determined to use every effort to nominate a judicial ticket that will deserve the confidence and support of all the people.

Hence, the County Democracy appeals to every Democrat in Cook County, and especially to those affiliated with organized labor, to devote sufficient time on primary day (June 13) to aid in bringing about the nomination of men for the bench in Cook County who are opposed to government by injunction and who will deal with capital and labor fairly and impartially.

"A Democrat has no excuse to offer now for not voting at a primary election; all legal safeguards protect his ballot just as they do at a regular election; offenses being punishable in the same manner and by the same tribunals. The terms of all Democratic State, county and district committee-men expire with the convening of the coming convention. Therefore, it is the duty of all the Democrats in the county to rally to the cause and elect delegates to the convention who will nominate such candidates for the various offices as will command the respect of every voter in Cook County and a ticket which will be of a character to commend itself to the whole people. Again the importance of choosing good delegates is apparent from the fact that from them will be chosen the men who, as committeemen, will be charged with the management of the affairs of the Democratic party for the ensuing two years.

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fashioned convention, held in the daylight.

"The County Democracy holds that all moneys paid for taxes to the County Treasurer belong to the people. It is not the private fund or personal emolument of the Treasurer, and the interest it earns belongs to the people, not to the Treasurer. The County Democracy is in favor of nominating a candidate for that office who will pledge himself before nomination that he will, if elected, turn over all interest on the public funds to Cook County for the benefit of the people and the taxpayers.

"The County Democracy condemns the present methods of the Board of Review in manipulating the assessments of favored corporations and individuals, thereby placing upon the small property holders disproportionate burdens, while at the same time depriving the city and county governments of much needed revenue, and we favor an equitable assessment of all property, to the end that the wealthy may be made to bear their just share of the burden of taxation.

"The marvelous growth of the County Democracy in the past two months demonstrates that the rank and file of the great Democratic party are aroused and determined to have a voice in nominating the candidates for the various public offices to be filled next fall and to aid in managing the affairs of the Democratic party in this county in the future.

No more concise or more admirable address was ever issued to the voters of Cook County on the eve of an election than the foregoing. Witness the following endorsement of it from the Democratic Chronicle:

"The County Democracy are to be commended for expressing opposition in their platform to the nomination of a ticket by boss or coterie dictation—'by any one man or clique or coterie of individuals.'"

Every individual or organization of individuals is free, of course, to submit names and to press them before the convention in every proper manner, but the decision in every case should rest with the convention of delegates freely chosen by Democratic voters at the primaries.

The County Democracy are essentially right also, whatever may be thought of the particular terms in which they express themselves, in seeking the nomination of judges who hold sound ideas in regard to the judicial function.

In recent years the Judiciary of the county has been too much disposed to step outside of the province of the judicial branch of the government and to exercise legislative and executive functions.

This tendency in the federal judiciary, where it is most marked, can best be reached, as the national constitution now stands, through the State Judiciary. In choosing the elective State judges the people can express their condemnation of the encroachment of the judicial upon the other branches of the government and admonish the President to nominate men to the federal bench who will be likely to confine themselves scrupulously to their own judicial province.

The County Democracy are right in saying that in view of the approaching judicial elections every effort should be made to secure the nomination of men for the judicial office who are sound in this respect.



MR. JOHN O. FETZER.

The Well-Known Business Man Who Would Make a Splendid Mayor of Chicago.

The slap at cliques, coteries and at midnight caucuses behind closed doors dictating slates and tickets which the voters on election day have to swallow or stay away from the polls, although plainly intended for Mayor Harrison and his City Hall cabal had to be swallowed by his honor, no doubt, with a grimace. But the Democracy's address was so ingeniously worded that the gentleman in question could only succeed in placing himself in an exceedingly awkward position by either criticizing or attacking it. On the contrary, the Mayor, according to the Record-Herald, had this to say about the matter:

"It's a good thing, and it's just what we are going to do. First we will stipulate in advance that all interest money shall go to the public. Then with that stipulation in the platform we will nominate a man who will live up to it. Such a man is the only kind who will do in this campaign. The issue is an important one to the voters."

Of course it's a good thing, Mr. Mayor, but the use of the pronoun "we" in your discussion of the matter is amusing to say the least. No doubt your honor would like to claim the credit of this as of everything else in official or political life that you imagine to be popular or calculated to win the support of the people. But everybody knows you had as little to do with the framing of the County Democracy's declaration of principles as you will have with the running of the next county convention, which, unless all signs fail, will be mighty little.

The Chicago Daily News says: "The document said nothing from one end to the other about Mayor Harrison's Advisory Committee and is regarded as hostile to the silk-stocking plan of nominating a county ticket."

The Daily News is correct in its surmise. The County Democracy is opposed to the dictation of a lot of alleged "high toned" individuals who pretend to be better judges of what the people want in the shape of public officials than the people themselves. But our contemporary cannot have read the "platform" as it calls the address of the Democracy, very carefully, otherwise it would not have made the mistake of saying the document "said nothing about Mayor Harrison's Advisory Committee." The document declared very clearly and explicitly that:

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This applies to the Mayor's absurd "Advisory" Committee as strongly as it does to the payroll cabal or any other slatemaking scheme put up by a few self-important individuals. It applies to all cliques or coteries of individuals who undertake any dictation to the "free deliberative old-fashioned convention held in daylight," which it is the aim and hope of the County Democracy to elect at the primaries on the 13th day of June next.

In his communication to the School Board advocating the conversion of the school houses of the city into public meeting halls, the Mayor says: "After all, the schools belong to the people."

So does the Mayor's office, and yet it is safe to say his Honor would look askance at a proposition to hold a town meeting in it.

It would be more correct, moreover, to say that the school houses belong to the taxpayers, and it is a cinch that the taxpayers are not the people who are howling to convert the school houses into public assembly halls.

Well, that advisory committee has been finally and definitely appointed, but we have not yet heard anything about the Republican candidates preparing to withdraw en masse from their ticket. Neither has there been any announcement that the rank and file of the Democratic voters have decided to abandon their functions and leave the whole campaign to the silk stockings.

Inasmuch as Mayor Harrison made it a point to keep city office-holders off the "advisory" committee, it is to be hoped the committee will take the hint and refrain from recommending any person for a nomination who is at present on the city pay roll. If it be improper for an office-holder to be on an advisory committee it would be doubly so for one to be a candidate.

It is now given out that proceedings are to be at once begun to compel County Treasurer Raymond to disgorge the interest on the public funds which he is alleged to have illegally retained. It will take an unusually large pair of grindstones to make Raymond disgorge anything.

The advisory committee says it will name several good candidates for the various offices. So could any plain Democrat who has access to a city directory. It would be a fine joke if the County Democracy at its next meeting would just take a few of the political directories, including its own

roster, those of the Ironclads, the Tuscarora and other political clubs, and "recommend" a dozen or so of the leading citizens whose names there appear for the various offices. It would relieve the poor silk stockings so much and give them a chance to return to their labors.

The Eagle is no enemy of Cupid, but it does think the little archer has no right to interfere with the railroad business. A correspondent of this paper called attention last week in our correspondence column to the habit in vogue among the guards on the elevated roads of flirting and sky-larking on the trains to the disgust of the patrons of the road and the injury of the service. The result of the publication in The Eagle was the following announcement in its morning contemporaries:

"There is no seat in any Chicago elevated train for poor little Dan Cupid."

"Any guard discovered, while on duty, courting, talking to, flirting with or otherwise entertaining pretty female passengers will lose his job, according to an edict issued yesterday by the managers of the various elevated systems."

"The managers of the various systems say they will think the person who discovers a guard is violating the rule, and in this sense passengers are asked to become 'inspectors of love-making.'"

The Eagle is glad that its columns usually gain good results, Cupid or no Cupid.

People who vote the Democratic ticket as a rule are absolved in advance from voting it this year. They are to have nothing to do with its make-up. Mayor Harrison's silk stockings will do that job for them.

With the fairest primaries ever held under the new primary law in prospect, the Democratic convention will have nothing to do with naming a ticket.

James Reddick will make an ideal County Clerk.

Democrats talk of the following lawyers for judicial candidates: Edward O. Brown, William P. Black, Donald L. Morrill, William Prentiss, D. G. Ramsay, Clayton E. Crafts, P. McHugh, George S. Foster, John P. McGroarty, Daniel J. McMahon, Austin O. Sexton, M. L. Thackaberry, Andrew J. Ryan, Charles Werner, Edgar Bronson Tolman, Gustave J. Tatze, Miles J. Devine, Jeremiah B. O'Connell, Robert Redfield, George Mills Rogers, William Howard Fitzgerald, Granville W. Browning, Sydney Stein, James C. Dooley, M. A. La Buy, Shimon P. Shope, H. Perkinson, Sigmund Zelsler, John F. Waters, Morris St. P. Thomas.

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TO GAG THE PEOPLE.

Such Is the Proposition of Certain Democratic Bosses in Regard to Legislative Elections.

One Says He Will "Allow" Mayor and Voters League to Name Legislative Candidates.

Others Said to Be Willing to Do Likewise, While Democratic Voters are Entirely Ignored.

Boss and One Man Rule with a Vengeance Advocated in Choosing Democratic Lawmakers.

Will the Party Voters Stand for This? Is the Question on Every Lip—Most People Say No.

Are the Democratic voters of Cook County to be disfranchised in the matter of selecting their representatives in the State Legislature next fall?

Is it possible that the Democratic voters of the various Senatorial districts are to be contemptuously denied the right of selecting their party candidates to the Forty-third General Assembly at a time when some of the most momentous questions which have ever arisen in this State are certain to come up before that body for settlement?

Are the Democratic Senatorial conventions to be composed of a lot of dummies who will be brought together merely to give formal ratification to the selection of a few professional politicians and a couple of political busy-bodies calling themselves forsooth the Legislative Voters' League, or will there be any Senatorial conventions at all, and the selection of the party candidates for the legislature left in the hands of Carter H. Harrison and Geo. E. Cole?

These questions are pertinent at this moment, and are suggested by the following announcement, which appeared in the columns of nearly all the dailies on last Wednesday morning:

"Alderman Carey, according to some of his friends, may follow the precedent set by City Attorney Owens and allow Mayor Harrison and the Legislative Voters' League to name the Democratic Legislative candidates in the Fourth Senatorial District, comprising the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Wards and one precinct of the Thirty-first Ward. Fred Eldred is another Democratic boss who is said to contemplate turning over the Twenty-fifth Senatorial District to Mayor Harrison and the league."

This would be almost incredible were it not for the fact that it appeared in almost the same language in the morning papers on the date mentioned, and in the evening newspapers of the day previous.

The Eagle can still scarcely credit that two such shrewd, capable and popular Democratic leaders as John E. Owens and Fred Eldred, would permit any such announcement to be made in connection with their names, much less commit themselves to an attempt to carry out such a program, but the affiliations between Mr. Carey and Mayor Harrison are such as carry the weight of conviction with the announcement.

But the Eagle has no hesitation in saying that if any such piece of folly has been embodied in an arrangement or understanding between the parties mentioned the people ought to rise in their might and crush it.

Just think of it, "Chairman Carey may follow the precedent set, etc., etc., and ALLOW Mayor Harrison and the Legislative Voters' League to name the Legislative candidates in the Fourth Senatorial District."

And has it come to this at last! Are the voters of the Fourth Senatorial District, the Democratic voters of Cook County going to submit to any such abominable insult to their very manhood as this?

Are they willing to be completely ignored by ward and local bosses, and are these same bosses to be allowed

to stride arrogantly over their heads and "allow" a jack-in-office and a political rubber-neck to name their lawmakers for them, they the "sovereign voters" to be allowed no more say in the matter than if they were dumb driven cattle.

Great Scott! Talk about boss rule, talk about one-man rule, why, this thing out-herods Herod in that direction.

No wonder the Cook County Democracy declared against the party being run by one man rule or by any clique or coterie of individuals, but it can inveigh until doom's day if its members are to be permitted to turn round and "allow" two individuals to name the candidates to the highest and most important office of the State, without permitting the voters or any one else to have a word to say in the matter.

The Democratic voters, taxpayers and honest, hard working citizens of the Fourth, the Nineteenth and the Twenty-fifth Senatorial Districts are not a consideration in the matter at all; they are to be given a set of candidates for whom they may vote or not, as they please, on election day. They are "delivered," so to speak, en globo under this proposed arrangement. It is the greatest case of "delivering" ever heard of in Cook County politics. Delivering a set of delegates in a convention is not a marker to delivering the entire body of voters in a whole Senatorial District.

And in this particular case there is implied a double ownership, a double manipulation of the political serfs of the districts in question.

Mark the words of the announcement, Alderman Carey and Mr. Eldred (following Mr. Owens' example) will "allow" Mayor Harrison and Mr. Cole to name the Legislative candidates. That is to say that not caring to exercise that power themselves, the possession of which is assumed with a sang froid that must scathe the very soul of every Democrat with an ounce of manly spirit in the district, they coolly delegate said power to Carter H. Harrison and the Legislative Voters' League, which consists of Sawed-off Giant George E. Cole, and a two by four lawyer.

No wonder the Democrats of Chicago are aghast over the thing, and are asking themselves if they are really living under the protection of the American Constitution or in Russia, and if all their rights under the Constitution are gone.

Naturally they are turning to each other to ask the question, Are all the other Senatorial Districts going to do the same thing? Is some boss in each and every one of them going to "allow" Carter H. Harrison and the Legislative Voters' League to name the Democratic candidates for the Legislature.

If so then the Cook County delegation to the Democratic branch of one of the most important general assemblies which ever convened to make laws for the State of Illinois will be owned and controlled by just two individuals—George E. Cole and Carter H. Harrison. It will not represent the Democrats of this great county, but just two individuals.

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